

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of automatically inserting hyperlinks into a document, comprising:
 - receiving one or more documents;
 - searching one or more of the documents for content having one or more predefined forms, with the predefined forms defined prior to receiving the one or more documents;
 - automatically marking one or more portions of one or more of the searched documents based on results of searching the one or more documents for content having one or more of the predefined forms; and
 - inserting one or more hyperlinks into one [[of]] or more of the searched documents, with each hyperlink having a URL including at least a portion of the content of the one or more of the marked portions and a domain name associated with a computerized service for use in conducting a search based on the included portion of the content;
 - wherein automatically marking one or more portions of one or more of the searched documents, comprises:
 - marking one or more legal citations in one or more of the documents; and
 - wherein inserting one or more hyperlinks into one [[of]] or more of the searched documents, comprises:
 - inserting one or more hyperlinks into at least one of the documents, with each hyperlink associated with at least one of the marked legal citations and each hyperlink having a URL that includes a domain name for a legal research service and at least a portion of one of the marked legal citations.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more predefined forms includes citations to printed publications.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the marked portions includes a citation to a document, the citation including a volume identifier, a page identifier, and a publication identifier, and wherein at least one of the inserted hyperlinks includes the volume, page, and publication identifiers.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein one or more of the generated hyperlinks further includes at least one search instruction.

23-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the hyperlinks further includes account information for a user.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein one or more of the hyperlinks further includes information identifying a third-party sponsor for facilitating access to a document in a database associated with the one hyperlink.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein inserting one or more hyperlinks comprises changing a font associated with one of the marked portions.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein inserting one or more hyperlinks comprises changing a font color associated with one of the marked portions.

29-31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65:

wherein the marked portion includes a citation to a document, the citation including a volume identifier, a page identifier, and a publication identifier; and wherein the inserted hyperlink includes the volume, page, and publication identifiers.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein the hyperlink includes at least one query connector.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein the hyperlink further includes at least one search instruction.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein the hyperlink identifies one of a natural-language search method and a boolean search method.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of 65, wherein the hyperlink further includes account information for a user.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein the hyperlink further includes information regarding a third-party sponsor for facilitating access to a document in a database associated with the one hyperlink.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein inserting one or more hyperlinks comprises changing a font associated with one of the marked portions.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39, wherein changing the font associated with one of the marked portions comprises underscoring the one of the marked portions.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40, wherein associating at least one of the inserted hyperlinks with at least one of the marked portions includes anchoring at least one of the inserted hyperlinks to at least one of the marked portions.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein searching the one or more documents comprises searching for citations to other documents.

43. (Canceled)

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein searching the one or more documents comprises searching for proper names.

45-64. (Canceled)

65. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method of automatically inserting hyperlinks into a document, comprising:

receiving one or more documents;

searching one or more of the documents for content having one or more predefined forms,

with the predefined forms defined prior to receiving the one or more documents;

automatically marking one or more portions of one or more of the searched documents

based on results of searching the one or more documents for content having one or more of the predefined forms; and

inserting one or more hyperlinks into one [[of]] or more of the searched documents, with each hyperlink having a URL including at least a portion of the content of the one or more of the marked portions and a domain name associated with a computerized service for use in conducting a search based on the included portion of the content;

wherein automatically marking one or more portions of one or more of the searched documents, comprises:

marking one or more legal citations in one or more of the documents; and

wherein inserting one or more hyperlinks into one [[of]] or more of the searched documents, comprises:

inserting one or more hyperlinks into at least one of the documents, with each hyperlink associated with at least one of the marked legal citations and each hyperlink having a URL that includes a domain name for a legal research service and at least a portion of one of the marked legal citations; and

wherein the automatic marking and the inserting occur in response to user operation of a document-processing application having an active edit window associated with the document-processing application, with the active edit window including at least one of the documents.

66. (Canceled)
67. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 65, wherein the document-processing application includes at least one of a word-processing application, a spread-sheet application, and a presentation-development ~~programs~~ programs.
68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 65, wherein the document-processing application includes a version of Microsoft Word or Corel WordPerfect.
69. (Canceled)

Conclusion

Claims 1, 65, and 67 are amended to correct typographical errors. It is respectfully submitted that these changes do not introduce new matter, and the claims are allowable without further search or consideration. Therefore, entry is appropriate under Rule 312, and is respectfully requested.

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